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Pi Sigma Alpha Goes to Tallahassee

A reduction in funds threatened to eliminate a state scholarship, so students headed for the capital.

by Jay Kubica
Lions' Pride Co-Editor

SAINT LEO - Tallahassee was taken by storm on March 6 and 7 when Pi Sigma Alpha paid a visit to Florida's top government leaders. On a mission to save the FRAG (Florida Resident Access Grant) for Saint Leo's students, Pi Sigma Alpha pulled out all the stops in getting recognition from all branches of the state government. Accompanying the members of Pi Sigma Alpha were Dr. Hudson Reynolds, club advisor, and Dr. Marco Rimanelli.

"Dr. Reynolds thought it would be a good idea to visit as many of the branches as possible at work," Pi Sigma Alpha President Ruby McGeehan explained. "I gathered people I knew in Tallahassee to arrange photo ops and meetings with the legislative branch, executive branch, and the judicial branch."

Before leaving for Tallahassee, Pi Sigma Alpha drafted a petition to save the FRAG, an important state scholarship which has recently been threatened with a reduction of funds. The petition carried the names of over 450 Saint Leo students, faculty and staff.

"House Majority Leader Fasano and Speaker of the House Feeney thought it was a great idea, as did Education Commissioner Charlie Crist," Reynolds said. "This would be a very wise thing for other private institutions to follow in our footsteps."

Pi Sigma Alpha's trip to Tallahassee was the second such annual event and was filled with activity from start to finish. Upon arrival in Tallahassee on March 6, dinner was held at The Silver Slipper, a local watering hole for Florida's politicians. During the meal, actor Alec Baldwin was seen making his way to a private party in the back.

The following day's agenda included visits to many of the government offices in Tallahassee. Pi Sigma Alpha was recognized on the floors of the House and Senate, as well as during a death penalty hearing in front of the Florida Supreme Court. Dr. Reynolds felt these visits were particularly valuable to students.

Members of Pi Sigma Alpha visit Florida's top government leaders.

"As an instructor of State and Local Government, I feel that the students who are attending or have attended my class are getting great first-hand experience, which cannot be provided in a classroom situation," Reynolds stated.

The members of Pi Sigma Alpha each had unique experiences, which they took from the Tallahassee expedition.

"The House of Representatives was the most interesting because those people are wild," sophomore Barbara Giuliano recounted. "The best was with a rep who wore a red sequined cowboy hat."

Vice President Sean Marshall's memory of the trip was when he met Secretary of State Katherine Harris. "She is such a famous person after last year's elections. It was super cool," Marshall said.

Others had a more partisan view of the annual event. "We sure did meet a lot of Republicans," Democrat Rich McCluskey commented.

Pi Sigma Alpha's Tallahassee trip has become a tradition with the club. Next year's trip is already being planned.

"We expect the next trip to have an even larger attendance," Reynolds stated, adding, "It's open to all students. Fun activities like this don't stay concealed."

Mardi Gras came to Saint Leo, and students celebrated a night of fun

by Jessica Williams
Lions' Pride Staff Writer

SAINT LEO - For many students, a trip to Mardi Gras in New Orleans was just a dream. Luckily, Mardi Gras came to the students.

On February 27 from 7-11 p.m., Residence Life hosted a Mardi Gras/Casino Night for the whole campus.

"I've done this program for Mardi Grasover ten years at three different institutions. The first year we take people by surprise," explained Mark Stier, director of Saint Leo. "I hope to make this one of the annual

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How does Saint Leo measure up?

Students need to take the good with the bad

by **Jessica Williams**
Lions' Pride Staff Writer

Here at Saint Leo University, there are many plusses, however, as with anything, there are also faults. I love it here, but after a year and a half, I have noticed some things that I feel should be mentioned.

First of all, I believe there is a great connection between the professors and students. I attended a conference in Tallahassee, where I met students from all over Florida. We discussed different aspects of our schools, and none of them could relate to their professors because the classes were too big.

Luckily, at our school, we can see our own president walking or running around the campus. Unfortunately, many students take this for granted.

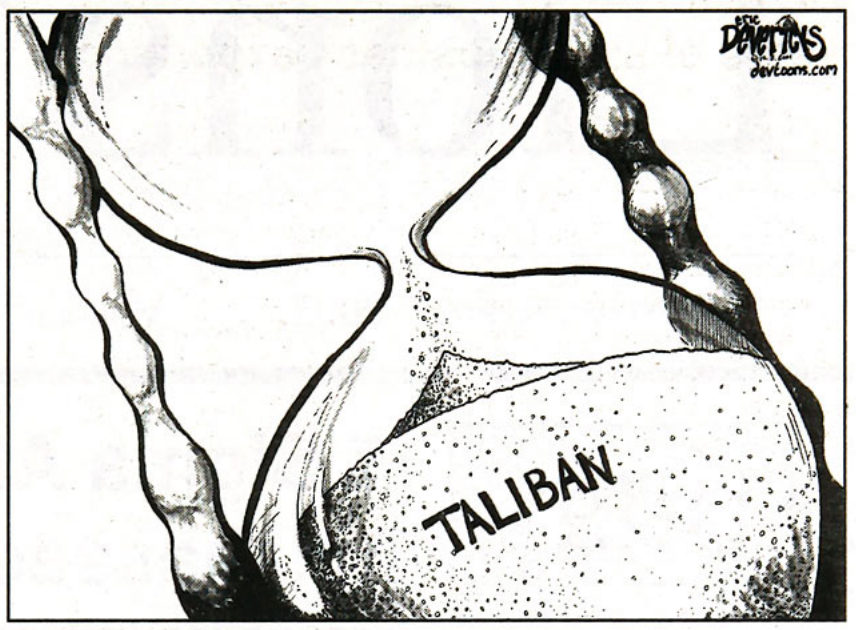
As always, with the good comes the bad. In many areas of this university there is a lack of communication. For example, Plant Operations tends to take longer on projects than expected, which upsets many students. What can be done to prevent this from happening? In many cases, it is that Plant Operations does not receive the information in a timely manner.

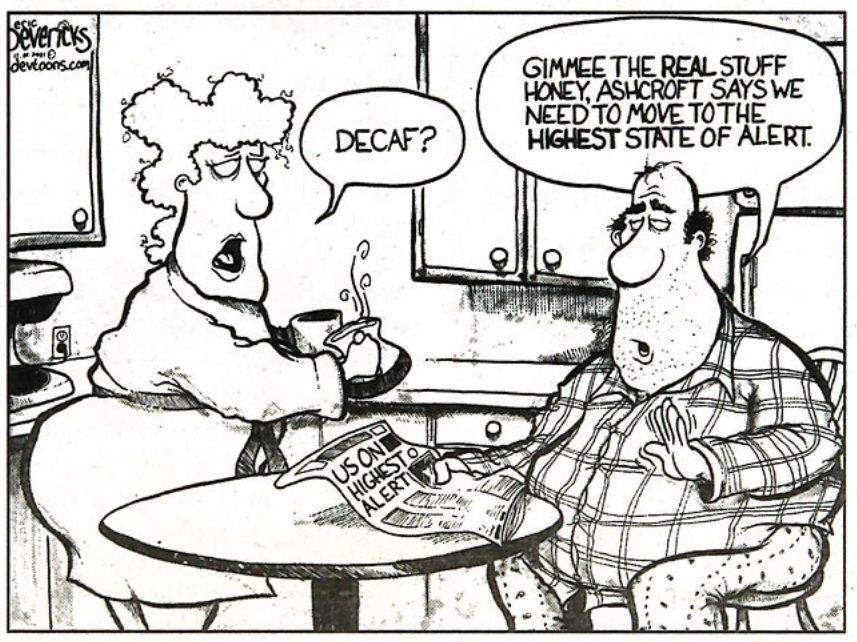
Many students complain that Saint Leo is out in the middle of nowhere. I agree, however, I think it makes our campus appear more beautiful due to the tranquility. Trees and a beautiful lake surround us. Unfortunately, students do not experience this beauty due to their busy lives. Yet, if they took the time to truly gaze around the campus, especially down by Lake Jovita, they would see Saint Leo in a new light. I commend Frank Mezzanini, vice president of business affairs, for all the transformations he is involved in. With all the new landscaping, refurbishments, and expansions, Saint Leo is moving up in the world.

As for being outside of Tampa, and in the middle of nowhere, our school participates in so many activities, such as Disney World, Medieval Nights, etc. A lot of the bigger universities do not even attend as many activities. Unfortunately, many events do not have the best turnout. This upsets me because people should be involved in this school.

Think about it this way: Where else can one student organize a big event? This semester, I was able to get Saint Leo involved in the College Bowl, where they placed seventh at the Regional Conference.

Whenever, students badmouth Saint Leo, I tell them to take the good with the bad and love their school.





Driving Habits

by **Allison Myatt**
Lions' Pride Co-Editor

One of the most dangerous things to do in this world is drive a car, yet some people fail to see the importance of giving 100% of their attention to driving.

The most common thing people do while they are driving is talk on the cell phone. When people are on the phone, they are easily distracted by the conversation they are having. In 1997, "The New England Journal of Medicine" produced a study stating phone-related traffic accidents were close to four times greater than the average driver. The conclusion of this particular study was that it was the act of talking, being engrossed in the conversation, or looking for a certain phone number that are the primary reasons people get into accidents when using a cell phone while driving.

At the same time, people are not only being distracted by cell phones use, but also homework. Students can be seen doing math equations on the windshield at red lights or at a stop sign. There are simply not enough hours in the day to drive and study, so students utilize the time they have in the car. If a students are busy doing homework, then they are not paying attention to driving the car or their surroundings. They can let their foot off the break-pedal a little bit and end up hitting the person in front of them or even worse, drive through an intersection and slam into a car. The same can be said for people who read while driving down the road. If it is so important, then it might be smart to pull off the road or not even start driving at all.

Then, there are those few people who horse around while they are driving a car. If drivers are not mature enough to realize biting, tickling, hitting, and dancing to the stereo can cause an accident because the driver is not paying attention to the road, then driving should not be allowed.

Responsibility is an important factor in driving, and if one is easily distracted by a cell phone, homework, magazine, or horse play, then he or she is not responsible enough to drive a car. A responsible person would pull off the road when he or she needs to read something, or take a phone call, rather than put other drivers at risk.

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MBA program gets new director

Dr. Lynn Wilson brings 20 years of academic and 20 years of small business experience.

By Stephen L. Baglione
Faculty Member

SAINT LEO - The Saint Leo MBA program has only its second director: Dr. Lynn Wilson. Since Dr. Steiner's departure–a very difficult decision for her but one she made to allow her to develop an institute at another university– Dr. Wilson has been the interim director.

"I'm just trying to fill the gap left by Dr. Steiner. She left a strong program that continues to grow in size and quality," Dr. Wilson said. " It attracts quality students and instructors."

Dr. Wilson has been department chair of the School of Business for two years. Besides assuming both roles, department chair and MBA director, he has taught half time on the undergraduate level. Dr. Wilson finally understood why there had been two people doing these jobs before and will step down as department chair in July.

"Sleeping," according to Dr. Wilson, "was becoming a luxury."

The administration rewarded Dr. Wilson's dedication by allowing him to choose which job he wanted to keep. He chose the MBA program because of its reputation and potential.

"At this point in my career, I have taught extensively and run an undergraduate program for years," he said. " This seemed like a logical progression, but I'll miss the undergraduates."

Dr. Wilson has a doctorate in international business and has taught at Saint Leo for 21 years. His expertise is in organizational behavior. In describing his management style, Dr. Wilson believes he is accessible and a good listener.

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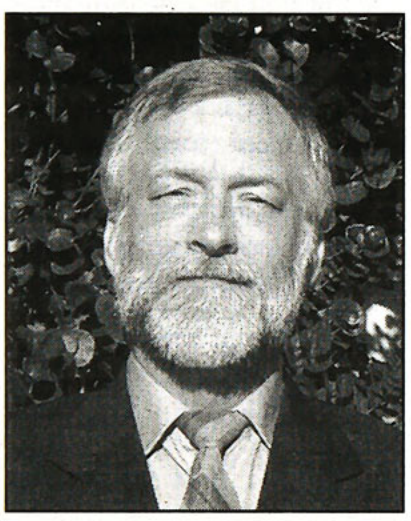
– DR. LYNN WILSON



Dr. Lynn Wilson

This past semester, even though he was not teaching in the MBA program, he was here every Saturday to introduce himself to the students and faculty, learn more about the program, and resolve the few problems that occurred. He also organized a luncheon for faculty to explain his vision for the program and ask for their input in improving the program.

Prior to coming to Saint Leo, Dr. Wilson worked in sales for two years at Kraft Foods in West Virginia. He also worked in a family owned food processing business for 13 years and continues to run a family business, a farm, in his native West Virginia, an area of the country he and his wife travel back to every summer from their Dade City home. Dr. Wilson will gladly regale anyone about West Virginia's history. Dr. Wilson has also done consulting while at Saint Leo for companies exporting to South and Central America and industrial equipment companies importing to the U.S. from Asia.

Dr. Wilson has presented academic papers at the Southwest Academy of Management, the Academy of International Business, and conducted workshops for local organizations and businesses on international business.

events students talk ~~about when~~ they arrive on campus. My goal is to make this one of the crown jewels for Dr. Dadez and Student Affairs."

For the Casino Night, there were blackjack and poker tables, along with other casino specialties. Students were given play money to use for gambling purposes, which they then cashed in at the end of the night to buy raffle tickets. Students were surprised to see Dr. Arthur Kirk's face looking up at them on the play money.

There was a disc jockey spinning music for all the spectators. Mardi Gras would not be the same without beads. So, there were plenty. Do not worry; flashing was not necessary.

Throughout the night, prizes were given. There were DVD players, stereos, compact disk players and other goodies, which were donated by the class officers.

Other sponsors included Coca-Cola, Wal-Mart, Marriott, Time Warner, Universal Studios, and Outback, just to name a few. These sponsors gave dinners, gift certificates, etc.

Approximately 300 students attended this event, so it truly brought the campus together just as Stier had intended.

"It was nice to see so many students in one place," stated Maureen Regan, assistant director of residence life.

If you did not get to try your luck at Mardi Gras/Casino Night this year, look for it again next year.

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SLU Book Club

The Saint Leo Book Club will meet on April 17, 4 - 5 p.m. in 321 St. Edward Hall to discuss *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil.* The book club is open to all students, and our purpose is to read for fun. Thanks to the generosity of the College of Arts and Sciences, a limited number of copies of the book are available for half price. We also will be reading a book over the summer; we have not decided on a title yet. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Kathryn Duncan at kathryn.duncan@saintleo.edu or extension. 8395.

History Winners

The history department at Saint Leo University is pleased to announce the winners of the 2001-2002 Horgan Scholarships. The awards, given annually to outstanding history majors, are based on a combination of strong academic performance and financial need. This year's award winners include Amber Davis, who won the William S. Horgan Memorial Scholarship, David Brennan, who won the Genevieve A. Horgan Memorial Scholarship, and Matthew Leonhart, who won the Aloysius Bolack Memorial Scholarship. The department congratulates these students for their hard work.

Music - Pass It On!

March was "Music in our Schools" month and the theme for 2002 was "Music - Pass it On!" The goal was to recognize the importance of music in a balanced curriculum. The new growth experienced by the Saint Leo music program is something to be celebrated. Almost daily you hear the sounds of music drifting out of the music department, located in the small building, located next to Saint Edward Hall. June Hammond, assistant professor and department head of music, was asked to head the music program full time in the fall of 2000. After two years of hard work, there are more than fifty students involved in the concert band, chorus and music lessons in woodwinds, guitar, string, voice and piano.

Florida student and leadership forum

Students learn there are many ways to incorporate faith and values into their lives and on campus.

by **Kelley Touchton**
Lions' Pride Staff Writer

SAINT LEO - What is the importance of letting your faith and values guide you throughout your life? Four students from Saint Leo University found that there is a great importance.

Senior Nicole Pacana, junior Rose DiCicco, sophomore Jessica Williams, and freshman Janet Levic were the lucky students chosen by Saint Leo faculty and staff to attend the Florida Student Leadership Forum on Faith and Values. United States Senator Bill Nelson and his wife, Grace, hosted it.

From February 28 through March 2, the four girls explored the ideas of servant leadership and the importance of letting your faith and values guide you throughout life. They also explored the model of leadership demonstrated by Jesus of Nazareth and learned how distinguished members of society try to implement this model in their daily lives.

"The Florida Student Leadership Forum on Faith and Values allowed me to further explore the ideas of servant leadership and gave me suggestions that I can now work to implement at Saint Leo University," said DiCicco.

Throughout the conference, they had the opportunity to listen to many keynote speakers. Each speaker shared his or her experiences as a servant leader and shared the importance of his or her faith and values. Thursday morning Pacanna, DiCicco, Williams and Levic attended the Florida State Prayer Breakfast hosted by Governor Jeb Bush.

"I learned that there are many different things we can do to incorporate faith and values on our campus and how little preparation it takes," said Pacana.

Also on Thursday, they visited the Capitol Building and listened to speakers Dr. Art Vanden Houten, who spoke about Abraham Lincoln, and Lt. Governor Frank Brogan. They then had lunch with a member of the state legislature. Thursday evening they had the privilege of meeting with Major Harding, who is a Florida Supreme Court Justice.

On Friday, the girls completed a service project. At the Tallahassee Civic Center, they served food to the poor through an organization called FarmShare. There was a tractor trailer truck filled with fresh produce that they unloaded, bagged, and served to the needy. This experience was rewarding for both DiCicco and Pacana.

"This was a really cool experience," said Pacana.

"The most rewarding part of the forum for me was participating in the food distribution." said DiCicco.

During this busy week, the four girls heard speakers, talked in small groups and toured the Capitol and Supreme Court buildings. Most importantly, they met other people like themselves: people who learned the ideas of servant leadership and the importance of letting their faith and values guide them throughout life.

Simple rules for the men's room

by **Gavin O'Leary**
Humor column for Lions' Pride

1. One must choose the appropriate urinal (stalls are not included in the argument, because what you do in a stall is private). Whenever possible, the polite gentleman must choose the urinal farthest from those who are relieving themselves. For example, if there are three urinals and the one on the far right is being used, the civilized man would choose the one on the far left. However, if all but one is occupied, you may choose the empty receptacle. (There is no use standing there like an idiot.) This precaution has nothing in common with homophobic fears; it is simply to preserve the comfort one must have to urinate with confidence.
2. Now that you have chosen a proper urinal, you are ready to proceed with urination. During the process, however, there are still more rules to follow to ensure a pleasant experience for all in the restroom. Confidently walk toward the chosen urinal and proceed to prepare for business. Pick a spot on the wall in front of you and lock your eyes upon it. Be sure to choose it in a location above eye level. In most public restrooms the wall is covered with tiles of a uniform size. If this is the case, a line of grout will serve as the perfect guideline. Under no circumstances are you to look, browse, peek, peer, stare, or glance underneath your chosen point. The disobeying of this rule will not only cause unnecessary embarrassment, but will cause discomfort to those sharing the room with you. This is one of the most important laws in the public bathroom. The sanctity of public urination must not be compromised.
3. In a urinary situation, you must realize you are alone in your actions. The person standing next to you is neither friend nor foe. Although the urge to comment upon the big game or a gorgeous girl may be tempting, under no circumstances may you speak to the guy next to you. Again, the comfort level must be maintained. Besides, only chicks go to the bathroom to talk.
4. Now that you have finished the most important steps in the urination process, wash your hands. Too many people saunter out of the restroom without completing the entire exercise properly. You may be asking yourself, "How can washing my hands benefit those sharing the bathroom with me?" Answer: It won't. But if a member of the opposite sex smells urine on your fingers or palms (depending upon your technique), there won't be any action for you that night. Besides, those who don't wash their hands after they pee are dirtballs. Don't take my word for it, ask your girlfriend. On second thought, if you have to ask, you can't possibly have a girlfriend. While performing this task of cleanliness, it is acceptable to speak to any others currently washing their hands or standing in the line for a toilet. Also, proper manners require a gentleman to ridicule those who bypass the sink for the sake of saving 30 seconds. I would like to assist in providing some examples of what to say to these scumbags; however, I urge you to become creative in this situation. But, I will tell you filthy language works the best.
5. Now that you have used the public restroom properly, there is only one more thing one must do to truly become a civilized male. Go hang out outside the women's bathroom and see if you can catch a peek.

Better late than never

Saint Leo students have returned from Spring Break.

by **Brillion Williams**
Special to Lions' Pride

SAINT LEO - Saint Leo students had been anticipating the arrival of Spring Break 2002 for weeks. Saint Leo's Spring Break was not until March 25, when other college students had their Spring Breaks March 9.

"The reason why our Spring Break wasn't until March 25 was because Easter was on the 31, and the University thought it would be better to combine both Spring Break and the Easter Holiday," said Sarah Richard-Oumedlouz, director of student leadership & development.

Having such a late Spring Break didn't stop Saint Leo students from having a good time, though.

Lisa Cronauer, a junior at Saint Leo, said, "All of my friends' Spring Breaks started before ours, but I am still going to have fun on my Spring Break."

The weather was not too kind in the Sunshine State earlier this month, and so many other college students were not able to have a hot Spring Break. Because Saint Leo students' Spring Break wasn't until March 25, the weather was sunny and temperatures were in the low eighties that week.

Unfortunately, some students had to stay on campus during the majority of their Spring Break. The softball team remained on campus until March 28.

Junior Jen Kwiatkowski, a catcher on the team, said, "I was disappointed that we didn't get the whole Spring Break, but at least we got half."

A lot of students headed south to have fun in the sun for their Spring Break.

Sophomore Shannon Cummings said, "I went to the Keys with five of my girls to live it up, party, and catch some rays."

Not all Saint Leo students took a trip to the beach. Some students used their time off to relax and enjoy their time away from school.

"I went home to Fort Lauderdale to visit my family and friends," said sophomore Angela Sclafani.

Despite having a late Spring Break this year, Saint Leo students made Spring Break 2002 one to remember.

The master of your own body and mind

Tang Soo Do is a Korean martial art form that teaches personal and internal rewards.

by **Johanna Marie Pitts**
Special to Lions' Pride

SAINT LEO - When you first walk into the Lake House Tang Soo Do Martial Arts School, you might be surprised to see that the instructors and students are more impressive than the large hardwood floors or numerous windows of the Lake House, which overlooks beautiful Lake Jovita.

Instead, your attention is drawn to a room full of people of various ages modeling consistent respect for one another, yet relaxed enough to be themselves. You'll also see people physically working hard and disciplined, yet smiling and often laughing together. And most importantly, you will see people overcoming fear and apprehension by receiving recognition for their individual worth, as opposed to attention to mistakes.

Master Instructor Morgan Becker is the director of the school, which is located down the pathway of stairs leading to the lake from the Marmion/Snyder parking lot. Becker successfully leads his students on Tuesday and Thursday nights to learn the 2,000-year-old Korean martial arts form of Tang Soo Do (TSD).

In TSD, students aim to master their own minds and bodies, rather than compete with others. Becker clearly sees and shares this goal.

"A martial art is different than a martial sport," Becker said.

Students achieve personal and internal rewards without being taught that winning and external prizes are the goal, which is a common focus in many other karate schools today. Becker feels the rewards of TSD are "a pathway to a life filled with deeper meaning and greater security in mental and physical fitness."

Junior Lindsay King, who has been learning the art since the first semester of her freshman year, notices many positives changes she credits to TSD. Along with becoming physically stronger and toned, King also notices the emotional and mental benefits.

"I have a lower stress level and more confidence," King said. "It helps me to be mentally balanced."

While these are valuable benefits for any college student, TSD also adds the benefit of self-defense that is so crucial for young women. Becker's motive is that his students are confident and prepared to protect themselves in the face of an attacker.

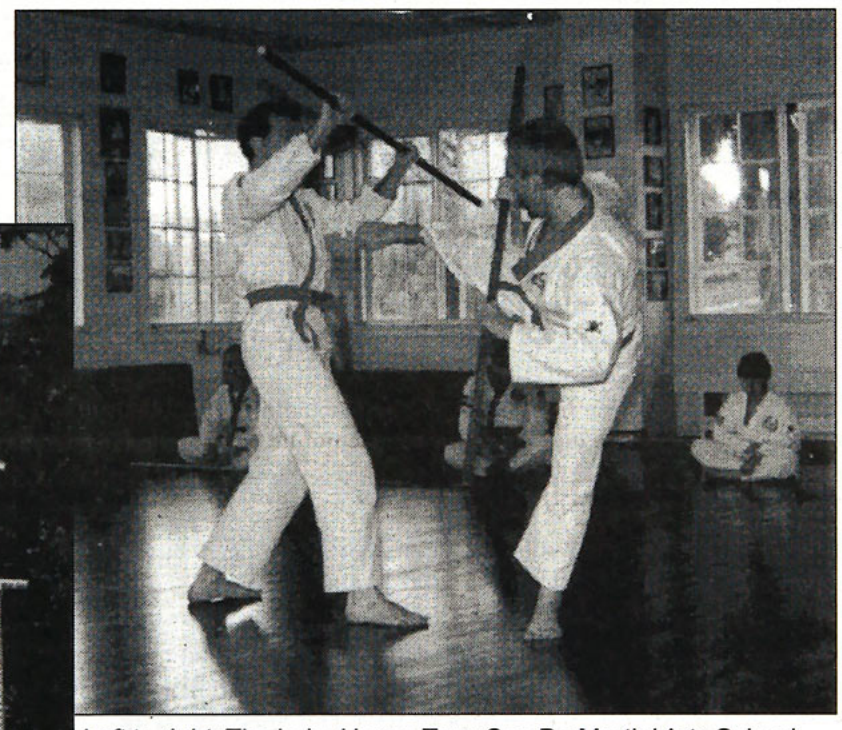
"I want students to know that they're safe," Becker said. "I'm not interested that they win a trophy."

King confidently points out that self-defense taught her "how to not be a target."

She believes the two most important things in TSD are the ability to defend yourself and the self-confidence it gives, especially for women who are too timid and can easily become a target.

Along with the valuable instruction to protect and improve yourself, it doesn't hurt that you're getting exercise and having fun, also.

"I've stayed with it so long because I have fun with it," King said.



Left to right: The Lake House Tang Soo Do Martial Arts School; Two martial arts students sparring.

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Arts & Entertainment

MUSIC IN REVIEW

by Mark A. Relano

Blade II Soundtrack: Various Artists

When I first heard there was a sequel to Wesley Snipe's movie *Blade* I said, "Huh??? Why?? What's the point?" But who am I to judge what will be popular on the big screen with the teens. They like gore and vampires and cheesy one-liners... don't they? Anyway, the soundtrack held some interest for me because of its distinctive format.

Blade II pairs up rap artists with members of other music genres such as Instrumental, Techno, Rock, Industrial and Alternative. Some of the idiosyncratic collaborations include Eve and Fatboy Slim, Mos Def and Massive Attack, Ice Cube and Paul Oakenfold, Cypress Hill and Roni Size, Redman and Gorillaz, Bubba Sparxxx and The Crystal Method and Mystikal and Moby.

The Blade II soundtrack is what I call creamer; it's half and half—half tasty, half sour. Some of the collaborations yield excellent results of an eclectic nature. Other collaborations make you wonder why they put them on the CD in the first place and what assorted drug, alcohol or other artificial high was someone experiencing while choosing which songs to include.

Since Wesley Snipes is executive producer of the soundtrack—let's blame him. On the other hand, we can credit him with including the seven or eight tracks that rock. The CD begins with the "Blade Theme," an instrumental piece by Danny Saber and Marco Beltrami. It's an eerie electronic, industrial track with funky horns, and it sends chills up my spine: I like it.

The most awesome tracks on *Blade II* are Mos Def and Massive Attack's "I Against I," Redman and Gorillaz' "Gorillaz on my Mind," and Mystikal and Moby's "Gettin' Aggressive." Surprisingly, I even like the song by Bubba Sparxxx and The Crystal Method: Sparxxx is of limited talent.

In the track by Ice Cube and Paul Oakenfold, "Right Here, Right Now," I swear I can hear "Tubular Bells"—the theme from the movie *The Exorcist*. It may not match the notes exactly, but it's pretty damn close.

I was very disappointed with the joint effort by Eve and Fatboy Slim. The song not only spews out consistent racial vulgarities, it seems sub-par compared to Slim's usually superb talent as a songwriter of electronica and industrial rock. Some of the other collaborations on *Blade II* include Busta Rhymes with Silkk the Shocker & Dub Pistols, The Roots and BT and Fabolous with Jadakiss and Danny Saber.

Like so many CDs out there nowadays, *Blade II* offers both hot and cold tracks. If you hear a song and you "gots" to have it, then get it. If you see the movie and dig the "groov(i)es," then by all means, buy it. If you could care less, then the hell with it. This is one of those discs that contain some decent tracks, but is not necessarily one of my "gotta haves." Sorry, Mr. Snipes. I liked you in *To Wong Foo*, though.

Glenn Lewis: *World Outside My Window*

Newcomer Glenn Lewis has released his CD: *World Outside My Window*. When I saw the video for the first single, "Don't You Forget It," I was certain it was some actor lip-synching for Stevie Wonder on Wonder's long-awaited CD (we're still waiting—it's supposed to come out this year). Elton John and Wonder are close friends, and John used celebrities to interpret his last two videos rather successfully, so I just assumed John had prompted Wonder to follow suit.

But the credits appeared on the screen, and I soon discovered that I was listening to a fresh, young artist—not Stevie Wonder. Although Lewis has a more contemporary sound than Wonder, many of the tracks on *World Outside My Window* take a cue from the prolific, veteran artist. Lewis incorporates elements of Soul, R&B, Pop and ballads—accentuated by a slight Hip-Hop feel.

Women are going to fall for Lewis hard and quick. His soulful, sexy and lavish voice is enough to cause the ladies to swoon, but add to this his boyish good looks, and Lewis packs a double whammy. Lewis isn't all eye candy and smooth vocals, either—he's also talented. He co-writes most of the songs on his disc, although associate executive producers Andre Harris and Vidal Davis play all of the instruments.

"Don't You Forget It" is one of the superior tracks on *World Outside My Window*. The current release is moving up the charts. But there are other tracks I am just as partial to like "Something to See," "Dream" and "It's Not Fair." "Something to See" is a slow, acoustically-backed song that tests the lines of being melodious and being flat or off key.

Just when the guitar and vocal cross the line from being harmonious into being flat, the two instruments (guitar and vocal) return to melodic synchronization: the effect is quite intriguing. "Dream" is a mid-tempo, lighthearted song, with pleasant yet sophisticated vocals, and may be in contention for my favorite track.

World Outside My Window is the perfect CD for romantic interludes or for those times when you're feeling sedate. Women can turn on Lewis' CD and delight in a personal serenade. Men, don't worry too much. Chances are your lady will never actually meet Lewis, so settle down.

Instead, prepare a candlelit dinner, purchase some flowers and play Lewis' CD. You'll have her in the palm of your hands, after a slow, close dance sets the mood for romance—then she'll be thoroughly entranced... as long as you don't put your foot in your mouth.

MOVIES IN REVIEW

"Rookie" provides G-rated entertainment

by **Dante A. Ciampaglia**
The Pitt News (U. Pittsburgh)

(U-WIRE) PITTSBURGH - The sports movie is a difficult genre to master since so many others have been made. Like any over-worked topic, there's a point where no new ground can be covered without some kind of radical change. "The Rookie" doesn't reinvent the sports movie, but it does succeed in being an entertaining and uplifting character story.

Jimmy Morris (Dennis Quaid) was a major league pitcher whose career was cut short by a shoulder injury and endless surgeries. He returns to his small Texas town, teaches high school chemistry, and coaches the school's fledgling baseball team. Morris discovers during practice that he can pitch faster now then when he was young. Suddenly, his mundane life becomes clouded with questions of whether he could pitch in the majors again. His team picks up on this and makes a deal with their coach: if they win the district title, he tries out for the majors.

It takes a long time for this true story to get where it wants to go. The focus should be on Morris getting to the majors, but a great amount of time is spent on his life in his hometown and the people living there. It is a nice change to see how important the people around him are to Morris because it creates a deeper character, but far too much time is spent on this. So much in fact that in the first hour, the audience might think the story is about the town and not the man.

There are strong performances throughout "The Rookie," though. Everyone from the townspeople to members of Morris' family knows their characters and fits into them perfectly. Quaid is on top of his game throughout the movie, making Morris more of an everyman than an unlikely sports hero. But Brian Cox, who plays Jim Morris Sr., delivers the best performance, deep and resonating.

"The Rookie" is never any more than it sets out to be: an uplifting story about a guy who, in the middle of his life, realizes his childhood dreams. There are cliches, but the movie never falls too far into them. No new ground is ever really covered, there are points that the movie seems more like a made-for-TV movie instead of a feature, and it is too long, but it is always entertaining. Not much more can be asked from something G-rated.

A testament to his dedication to SLU

Lonzo Helton, who spent 28 years working for Saint Leo, passed away in March after a battle with cancer.

By Stephen L. Baglione
Faculty Member

SAINT LEO - Before Saint Leo University adopted its core values, Lonzo Helton, for 28 years, practiced them. He passed away in March after a protracted battle with cancer. Lonzo began working at Saint Leo a few months after his wife, Jerome, started in Security. The Heltons met through the assistance of a criminal. Jerome's neighbor's house in Dade City had been robbed. The neighbor's son called his dad at work to come home. Lonzo drove his co-worker home. Lonzo and Jerome met outside the house and began talking. Lonzo informed Jerome he was not looking for a wife.

Jerome told him, "Big boy, when the right one comes along there wouldn't be a whole lot you can do about it." There was not. This auspicious encounter produced 26 years of happy marriage. He had been a long haul trucker then, who, after meeting Jerome, arranged for all his trips from his native Georgia to include Florida.

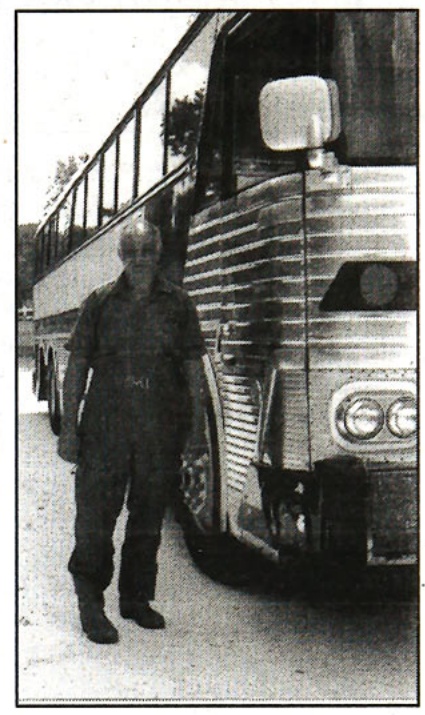
Lonzo began his SLU career driving student athletes to games. Returning from Tampa one night, Lonzo stopped to help a lady change a flat. He always thought of others. She did not have a car jack, so Lonzo improvised; he lifted the car while someone else changed the tire. Lonzo never met a stranger. For him, everyone had some good, and he could put people at ease to find their good.

Later, he began working on the grounds. He loved working outdoors, and his passion was the ballfields, which he helped build. Lonzo, according to Jerome, "could go back and see what he accomplished." His meticulous care caught the attention of other schools that tried to hire him, but he could not leave SLU. He did work a few years at Saddlebrook, while still working part-time at SLU, but eventually returned full-time to SLU.

Jim Killmeyer, his supervisor for six years, said, "He loved the school." Whatever needed to be done, Lonzo did it. "He would be the person out in the middle of the night fixing something. He would run down to the store to purchase supplies" (e.g., food, soda, or ice) for the concession stand at the games with his own money when they ran out.

And when he could no longer get up, his body ravaged with cancer, he worked for the University from his bed. "The Athletic Department," Killmeyer said, "needed another tractor. The prices were around seven to eight thousand." Through contacts he had made over the years and perseverance, Lonzo got a quote for $4,500. When President Kirk went to visit him, Lonzo wanted to discuss the tractor, not his condition. He could not get out of bed to get his notes, but he knew the University needed the tractor. Kirk told Lonzo the school would purchase it. Killmeyer brought the requisition to Lonzo for him to sign. Lonzo's condition was deteriorating rapidly, yet on that day his penmanship was perfect.

When the baseball field lights went on, Jerome could see them from their house, and she knew Lonzo would be home shortly. Now the lights are a testament to Lonzo's dedication to SLU.



Lonzo Helton, who dedicated 28 years to Saint Leo, began his SLU career driving student athletes to games.

Take GRE before the test changes

(PRNewswire) NEW YORK — With larger than normal numbers of students returning to graduate school, potential graduate students now have a new worry. For the first time in the history of the GRE, the Educational Testing Service (ETS) plans a major change in the content. Beginning in October 2002, the multiple choice questions evaluating analytical ability will be replaced with two essay tasks. Because of this change, The Princeton Review, a leading provider of test preparation, advises graduate school applicants to consider which version of the test would best reflect their abilities and schedule their GRE to reflect that decision.

The birdhouse on the SLU campus. SLU/Sheena Velez

Sports

A saint amongst leo

For 35 years, Tim Crosby has been a fixture at Saint Leo.

by **Anna Lauren Keller**
Special to Lions' Pride

SAINT LEO - Tim Crosby is the quiet guy on the Saint Leo University campus. He has his little nook in Crawford Hall. His office consists of his family photographs, tennis rackets, and tennis paraphernalia. His mornings consist of teaching students tennis, racquetball, and more tennis. After a short lunch break, he coaches the men and women's tennis teams in the afternoon. Crosby gets paid to be out in the warm Florida sunshine, teach the sport he loves best, and be at a campus he raves about constantly.

"Saint Leo is the friendliest campus in the country, and I am involved in a sport here that anybody can play for a lifetime," Crosby stated.

In 1967, Crosby was part of the first Saint Leo graduating class, which consisted of 63 students. For the past 35 years, Crosby has been involved in a plethora of Saint Leo programs.

Before Saint Leo, he played for St. Petersburg Junior College, whom he pitched for. Weighing around 115 lbs., and standing at 5'9 out of high school, he was a talented rare find for any coach. Ironically, Crosby was discovered by the Saint Leo baseball coaches, when he pitched a 14-10 victory over Saint Leo, striking out 19 Saint Leo batters.

When Crosby graduated, he immediately joined Saint Leo as a physical education instructor, ran the Campus Recreation Center, became the dean of men, and the director of housing. Since 1969, he has been coaching the tennis teams at Saint Leo and has been a part of the physical education program.

"We started out with four tennis courts, then had ten, and now were down to seven," Crosby said.

Along the way, Crosby started the women's tennis program, built his own tennis court in his backyard, and coached Jim Courier from age 8 through 13. Courier later became the French and Australian Open champion and was ranked number one in 1992.

"Jim Courier used to come out and hit with the boys when he was only 13 years old," Crosby stated.

The road hasn't been easy for the men and women's tennis teams though. Back in the '80s, the men's team had four players make it to nationals and was a middle-of-the-pack finisher in the Sunshine State Conference, which is the toughest conference in the east.

"It's hard to have a top ten team when a coach is only allotted one scholarship for his men's team and two scholarships for his women's team to disperse amongst a six-member team," said senior Travis Thompson, a member of the Saint Leo tennis team. "The NCAA allows 4 1/2 for each team,"

Crosby also has a diverse tennis team, being that four of them play on the Saint Leo volleyball, basketball, and soccer teams to help fill the roster.

"I think Coach Crosby is an excellent coach," said volleyball player and sophomore Jen Eigner. "He took me in when I didn't know anything about tennis. He had patience with me and was willing to help me become a better tennis player."

But coaching doesn't stop after the school year ends. Crosby is USPTA (United States Professional Tennis Association) certified, which he uses to hold various golf and tennis camps every summer for children and teens.

Tennis is year-round for Crosby, the father of three grown children. He is a family man and loves Saint Leo. To have a job that one doesn't dread going to every morning is important to him. His players love and respect Crosby as well.

"Coach is great," exclaimed junior and tennis player Krysia Scherlinger. "He is never negative and always cheering us on. I love his attitude."

How could anyone not like Coach Tim Crosby? This is a man who has been at Saint Leo for 35 years and has endured seven college presidents, four athletic directors, and coached a few third-generation tennis players. He has a story for everything and is a school wide of dedication, detail, and hard-work.

Graduation & Summer Good-Bye Notes

Graduation and Summer Good-Bye Notes will run in the final issue of the newspaper in Tuesday, April 30, 2002. Use them to say good-bye to friends for the summer or wish congratulations to a graduate.

Write up to 20 words for $2.00.
Deadline for submission is Friday, April 19, 2002.
Newspaper staffers will be in front of the cafeteria the second week of April to collect submissions and answer questions.

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Derek, Steph & Amanda

Have a GREAT summer -
I will miss you!!

Love, Susan

We love you.
Congratulations!!
Go class of 2002!!
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